

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 10 a

MEETING OF May 13, 2020

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve FY20 CARES Act
Relief Funds in the amount of \$588,598

Superintendent
 Finance

SUBMITTED BY: Katie Parrott, Business Manager

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SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Board is being asked to approve the acceptance of CARES Act Relief funds to the district totaling \$588,598.

ISSUE: Board Policy 3291 states "All grant applications exceeding \$5,000 must be submitted to the School Board prior to their submission to the Grant or agency." Because CARES Act Relief funds to the district are being provided in the form of a grant, for which the district must submit an application, provide assurances of compliance with federal standards, adhere to regulatory requirements for use, tracking, and reporting, and submit allowable costs for reimbursement, the Board is being asked to approve these funds.

BACKGROUND: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency declaration, Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) which provides dedicated funding for public education through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) under the Education Stabilization Fund Program. Additionally, the CARES Act provides dedicated funding to states through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF), to be distributed at the Governor's discretion. The State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development recently released final allocations for CARES Act funds to Alaska districts. KGBSD has been allocated \$493,965 in ESSER funds and \$94,633 in GEERF funds, for a total of \$588,598 in grant funds under the CARES Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the application for and receipt of CARES Act Relief funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

- DEED CARES Act Memo from Commissioner Michael Johnson
- DEED CARES Act Funding Allocations worksheet


RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the application and receipt of CARES Act funds in the amount of \$588,598."



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents
Business Managers

FROM: Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner 

DATE: April 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Guidance on CARES Act Funds

CARES Act: Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020, provides funding and flexibilities for States to respond to the COVID-19 emergency in K-12 schools. In addition to providing a variety of waivers for assessments, accountability, reporting and funding carryover, the CARES Act provides an economic stimulus to individuals, businesses, and schools.

The CARES Act provides education funding to state education agencies (SEA) and local education agencies (LEA) to support schools as they are dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic (*Cares Act Section 18003(c)*). Funding has not yet been distributed to SEAs, but the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) is proactively creating a streamlined process for distributing the CARES Act stimulus funding to districts.

Funding will be distributed to districts according to Alaska's Title I-A allocation formula. Please note that this funding is not Title I-A funding; however, the Title I-A funding formula is the mechanism used to determine district funding levels. Estimated allocations for districts are attached and can be found on DEED's COVID-19 [website](#). If a district does not receive Title I-A funding, it will not be eligible to receive a CARES Act allocation based on the Title I-A formula from DEED.

As soon as DEED is notified of the final allocation, calculations will be finalized. Districts will then have a reasonable amount of time to apply for CARES Act funds using DEED's [Grant Management System \(GMS\)](#). It is DEED's intention that the application process be as

streamlined as possible. While the CARES Act funding is not subject to the Title I-A Carryover Limitation, funding does expire September 30, 2021. As additional information from the U.S. Department of Education (US ED) becomes available, it will be made available to districts.

Funding for the CARES Act is very flexible. Under the law, funds may be used for any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) Act, or McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, in addition to other activities to help with the response to COVID-19, including preparedness and response efforts, sanitation, professional development, distance learning, and other activities. As with all federal funds, 2 CFR Part 200 applies.

Title I-A ranking and serving as well as school and Title I-A student eligibility provisions do not apply to CARES Act funding. Additionally, the restriction on carryover limits outlined in the funding waiver for Title I-A does not apply to CARES Act funds. There is a definite end date for the expenditures.

A waiver to remove the maintenance of effort will be submitted to US ED for both districts and the state.

Equitable Services

Private schools are eligible for equitable services through the district (*CARES Act Section 18005(b)*).

Districts must reach out to all private schools located within their district boundaries for Title I-A and Special Education in order to inform private schools of the CARES Act funding and determine whether the private schools wishes to participate. A previous decision by a private school to turn down Title I-A funds does not impact its eligibility to participate in CARES Act funding (*CARES Act Section 18005(a)*).

Application Process

US ED is required to provide states with an application or application process within 30 days of the CARES Act passage, and then has 30 days to approve applications. At this time, an application has not been made available to DEED.

Once funding levels have been finalized by US ED, districts will use GMS to create budgets and indicate which activities they will be funding with the CARES Act funds. The following delineates the twelve activities outlined in the Act.

1. Authorized Programs *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(1)*.
 - Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
 - Title I-A Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
 - Title I-C Education of Migratory Children

- Title I-D Educational Support for Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk Children and Youth
 - Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction
 - Title III-A Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students
 - Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment
 - Title IV-B 21st Century Community Learning Centers
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 - Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)
 - Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins)
 - McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act
2. Coordination of LEA preparedness and response efforts to improve coordinated responses with other agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(2).*
 3. Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address school needs. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(3).*
 4. Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(4).*
 5. Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve LEA preparedness and response efforts. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(5).*
 6. Training and professional development for LEA staff on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(6).*
 7. Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean LEA facilities. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(7).*
 8. Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures, including how to provide meals, technology for online learning, guidance on IDEA requirements, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all applicable requirements. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(8).*
 9. Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interactions between students and their classroom teachers, including assistance technology or adaptive equipment. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(9).*
 10. Providing mental health services and supports. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(10).*

11. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(11)*.
12. Other activities that are necessary to maintain operations and continuity of services and continuing to employ existing staff. *CARES Act Section 18003(d)(12)*.

CARES Act: Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

Approximately \$3 billion of the \$30.75 billion Education Stabilization Funds in the CARES Act is allocated for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF), Section 18002. The State of Alaska is estimated to receive \$6,503,527.

These funds are allocated to governors to use at their discretion on education relief. The governor can use these funds for emergency support to local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and other education entities. Funding can also be used to support childcare and early childhood education, for social and emotional support, and to protect education related jobs.

While these are flexible discretionary funds that governors can use to meet the needs of students, schools (including charter schools and non-public schools), postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations, the law provides more clarity in that SEAs may use grants awarded under the GEERF to:

- Provide emergency support to local educational agencies that have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 to continue to provide educational services to students as well as support the LEA's ongoing functionality. *CARES Act Section 18002(c)(1)*.
- Provide emergency support to institutions of higher education that provide services to students significantly affected by COVID-19. *CARES Act Section 18002(c)(2)*.
- Provide support to any education-related entities deemed essential for carrying out emergency educational services to students for activities that are authorized under the ESEA, IDEA, Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, and McKinney-Vento. *CARES Act Section 18002(c)(3)*.
- Provide support to any education-related entities deemed essential for providing childcare and early childhood education, social and emotional support, and the protection of education-related jobs. *CARES Act Section 18002(c)(3)*.

Approximately \$3.7 million from the State of Alaska's allocation will be distributed to 35 districts in order to ensure all districts receive funding equal to or greater than the allocation of

the \$30 million one-time funds through the foundation formula versus the allocation based on the Title I-A funding formula for the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Funds.

Distribution of Funds

DEED will be applying for GEERF on behalf of the Governor through the *Certification and Agreement for Funding under the Education Stabilization Fund Program Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund* (application) released by the US ED this week.

Timeline

Each Governor will have one year, from the date of the State's award, to award funds. Any funds not awarded within one year of the award must be returned to the US ED for reallocation. *CARES Act Section 18002(d)*.

Department of Education & Early Development

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CARES Act Funding for Alaska School Districts

School District	Estimated Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds	Estimated Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds	Total Estimated CARES Act Funds
Alaska Gateway	\$ 172,490	\$ 4,686	\$ 177,176
Aleutian Region	-	23,096	23,096
Aleutians East Borough	32,493	79,731	112,224
Anchorage	12,069,484	-	12,069,484
Annette Island	141,380	-	141,380
Bering Strait	1,272,764	-	1,272,764
Bristol Bay Borough	16,938	20,334	37,272
Chatham	83,998	-	83,998
Chugach	44,592	37,427	82,019
Copper River	126,862	3,264	130,126
Cordova	27,308	75,145	102,453
Craig	69,134	32,129	101,263
Delta/Greely	181,823	19,201	201,024
Denali Borough	23,506	128,690	152,196
Dillingham	108,887	30,505	139,392
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	2,454,271	482,199	2,936,470
Galena	9,679	542,011	551,690
Haines Borough	50,468	19,665	70,133
Hoonah	78,813	-	78,813
Hydaburg	42,518	-	42,518
Iditarod Area	105,084	18,478	123,562
Juneau Borough	608,728	401,129	1,009,857
Kake	42,518	3,142	45,660
Kashunamiut	313,525	-	313,525
Kenai Peninsula Borough	2,295,953	-	2,295,953
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	493,965	94,633	588,598
Klawock	52,888	-	52,888
Kodiak Island Borough	288,290	297,445	585,735
Kuspuk	224,341	-	224,341
Lake & Peninsula Borough	128,244	63,603	191,847
Lower Kuskokwim	2,884,979	-	2,884,979
Lower Yukon	2,094,772	-	2,094,772
Mat-Su Borough	3,997,351	-	3,997,351
Nenana	23,506	168,238	191,744
Nome	181,823	13,891	195,714
North Slope Borough	338,759	387,281	726,040
Northwest Arctic Borough	1,089,904	-	1,089,904
Pelican	-	9,726	9,726
Petersburg	60,493	81,781	142,274
Pribilof	1,383	26,215	27,598
Saint Mary's	151,750	-	151,750
Sitka Borough	152,096	152,251	304,347
Skagway	-	36,783	36,783
Southeast Island	48,394	60,665	109,059
Southwest Region	470,805	-	470,805
Tanana	14,173	6,864	21,037
Unalaska	10,716	109,132	119,848
Valdez	43,209	133,289	176,498
Wrangell	77,776	8,963	86,739
Yakutat	22,123	8,760	30,883
Yukon Flats	185,626	-	185,626
Yukon/Koyukuk	196,687	148,504	345,191
Yupiit	544,779	-	544,779
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	415,152	-	415,152
TOTAL	\$ 34,567,200	\$ 3,728,856	\$ 38,296,056